

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of making an organic electroluminescent device, the method comprising:
  - 5 providing a donor element comprising a substrate and a transfer portion disposed on the substrate, the transfer portion comprising at least one transfer layer consisting of one or more light-emitting dendrimers;
  - providing a receptor; and
  - thermally transferring the transfer portion of the donor element to the receptor.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the donor element further comprises a light-to-heat conversion layer disposed between the substrate and the transfer portion.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the donor element further comprises an  
15 interlayer disposed between the light-to-heat conversion layer and the transfer portion.
4. The method of the claim 2, wherein the donor element further comprises an underlayer disposed between the substrate and the light-to-heat conversion layer.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the transfer portion further comprises a second transfer layer.
6. The method of claim 6, wherein the second transfer layer comprises a material that produces, conducts or semi-conducts a charge carrier.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the light emitting dendrimer is fluorescent.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the light emitting dendrimer is  
30 phosphorescent.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transfer layer consists of more than one light emitting dendrimer.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the donor element is directly heated to thermally transfer the transfer portion to the receptor.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the donor element is exposed to imaging radiation that is converted into heat to thermally transfer the transfer portion to the receptor.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the donor element further comprises a light-to-heat conversion layer that converts the imaging radiation into heat.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the donor element is exposed to imaging radiation through a mask.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the donor element is exposed to imaging radiation generated by a laser.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the donor element and the receptor are held in intimate contact during thermal transfer of the transfer portion to the receptor.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein the donor element and the receptor are spaced apart during thermal transfer of the transfer portion to the receptor.

17. The method of claim 11, wherein the transfer portion is thermally transferred to the receptor in an imagewise fashion to form a pattern on the receptor.